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In re Accompanying Continuation Application under
37 CFR 1.53(b):

Group Art: 3643
For: DEVICE AND METHOD RESPECTIVELY FOR PROCESSING FLESH

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This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/744,519 filed January 25, 2001, entitled DEVICE AND METHOD RESPECTIVELY FOR PROCESSING FLESH by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

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|--------------------|----|---|----|---|--------|------|--------|
| Basic Fee | | | | | | \$ | 750.00 |
| Total Claims | 14 | - | 20 | = | 0 x 18 | = \$ | 0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 1 | - | 3 | = | 0 x 84 | = \$ | 0.00 |
| Total Filing Fee | | | | | | \$ | 750.00 |

3. A Credit Card Payment Form including the amount of \$ 750.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. Cancel claims 2-10 before calculating the Filing Fee. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

--This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/744,519, filed January 25, 2001.--.

7. New formal drawings are enclosed, seven (7) sheets, Figs. 1-8. The drawings include corrections approved in the prior application.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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9. The prior application is assigned to NORDISCHER MASCHINENBAU RUD. BAADER GMBH + CO KG, Federal Republic of Germany.

10. Priority of foreign application Nos. PCT/EP99/05283 filed July 23, 1999 and 19834524.0-23 filed July 31, 1998 is claimed in national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.0(a)).

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application, as originally filed on January 25, 2001.



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